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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2967
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BOATANCHORS Digest 2967

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by thompson@mindspring.com
21) Re: Last hurrah for EF Johnson
by "Robert Nickels" <ranickel@mwci.net>
22) Re: A short visit to
by "Hue Miller" <kargokult@proaxis.com>

Message-Id: <200008170237.WAA12683@hat-trick.atl.org>
From: "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Anyone got any gf-11 TX coils kicking around in the junkbox?
Date: Wed, 16 Aug 2000 22:39:37 +0100

Anyone got any GF-11 transmitter coil sets kicking around in teh junk box?
Swap for something you need???
-bob

Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 09:44:17 -0400
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: SP-600JX-28 (R-620/FRR) TM Needed
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <200008170944_MC2-B006-6FF8@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Group,

Had a phone call yesterday from a guy with no internet connection looking=
for the above manual. If anyone can help, let me know direct and I'll pu=
t
you in touch.

Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 09:44:16 -0400
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>

Subject: RE: R-332/ARR-31
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <200008170944_MC2-B006-6FF6@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Tom,

My database says "Sonobuoy?". I haven't verified that, though.

Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.20000817094935.00816410@pop.mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 09:49:35 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Bob Login <jlogin@mindspring.com>
Subject: Navy RX Info Available
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi All...My son has put together a web page at his web page building site.
It has copies of my articles that were published in ER concerning the
RBA/RBB/RBC, RBM & R648/ARR41 rx's plus some pictures of my messy shack.
It's a work in progress but thought some of you might be interested?

<http://www.globalconstruct.com/projects/AA8A/index.shtml>

73, Bob AA8A

Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 10:49:08 -0400
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: MD-7 & Control Box Wanted
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <200008171049_MC2-B006-753F@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Group,

Had an email from a friend in Australia who is looking for an MD-7/ARC-5 and the associated control box usable with the AN/ARC-5 VHF set. I think that would be the C-38/ARC-5. If anyone knows where he could find either or both, please let me know.

Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Message-Id: <v03007804b5c1ac7b6af5@[132.235.46.157]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/enriched; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 12:24:54 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Richard Post <post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
Subject: HQ-140X versus HQ-140XA differences?

Picked up HQ-140XA at last Saturday's Museum swap meet.

Are there any electronic differences between the HQ-140X and the HQ-140XA? Physical difference noticeable are the two possible S-meters, both squared as compared to the rounded one on the 140X. My XA has the later version square S-meter, identical to that on my HQ-150. Am I correct in assuming that the essential difference between the 140XA and the 150 is the addition of the Q-multiplier on the 150?

73,

Rich

<fontfamily><param>Geneva</param>Boatanchor Pix website - KB8TAD

<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/>

Museum of Radio and Technology

<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/MRT> </fontfamily>

Message-Id: <200008171615.e7HGF1807481@jackatak.theporch.com>
From: listown@jackatak.theporch.com (Mail List Owner)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 11:15:00 CDT

Gang-

This periodic post is intended to help subscribers whose email address has changed, preventing posting or receipt of the list.

If you change ISP (InterNet Service Provider), simply send me an email advising the change, and I will do my best to implement the change quickly.

For those unfortunates, whose ISP has made a change without advising their customers of the potential impact of that change on subscribers to email lists like the boatanchors, where one must be a subscriber to post to the list, try to follow along...

Under some circumstances, the changes to your email address are "transparent" to you, but prevent posting. I get error notification for these kinds of problems, and I try to work them out. However, I may miss one, and on this end, the process is anything BUT automatic.

You have a bigger stick than I do. You and your ISP have the primary responsibility to repair the problems caused by the change at the ISP. I have zero leverage with your ISP, and you have great leverage.

Most ISP maintain a customer service department to help with problems like these. This should be your first line of support for email problems. I am happy to assist and consult, but try to understand that when your ISP makes a change to their email handler, and that change prevents you from posting to the boatanchors list, I can help, but resolving this problem is your responsibility, working with your ISP. I am but a volunteer, contributing my time to administer the list.

Thank you for your attention.

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73

Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -
listown@jackatak.theporch.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"

"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"

Thu Aug 17 11:15:00 CDT 2000

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.20000817120104.0081f600@mail.koyote.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 12:01:04 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: GeorgeHumphrey <gah@koyote.com>
Subject: FS: Bathtub Capacitors
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

NOS/NIB 2uf, 600VDC mfg by Cornell Dublier part number MYR 6200J with NFA ink stamped on them. They are the side terminal units, 2"x2"x1" thick with leads soldered on the two terminals and self locking nuts on the mounting tabs. Each is boxed individually in double boxes and cloth packing bag with humidity indicators per Method II packing.

Similar caps are shown, by different mfg, in Surplus Sales catalog 8, at \$29 each plus shipping. I will ship two for \$30 including shipping in the lower 48 states.

73 de George

Message-ID: <399C6BA7.AB4C317@debitel.net>
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 00:48:13 +0200
From: Heinz und Hannelore Breuer <hbreuer@debitel.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: A short visit to Radio TV Lab in Chicago
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

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73
Heinz KM5VT

From: arc5@ix.netcom.com
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 21:07:32 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: NEEDED: BC-669 PARTS
Message-ID: <Springmail.105.966560852.0.20509200@www.springmail.com>

Needed for BC-669:

Tuning chart and chart holder from upper right corner
of the main (upper) unit.

Power plugs.

Thanks,
Dave S.

Message-ID: <399C9FA8.C214D38B@idirect.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2000 22:30:02 -0400
From: Jerry Proc <jproc@idirect.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Scuttlebutt <scuttlebutt@eGroups.com>
Subject: HMCS HAIDA's Radios in The Movies & Other Items
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Folks,

I've been somewhat busy the last few weeks but the results are worth
reporting.

1) Every so often on this list, we read reports about Boatanchors being
spotted in the movies. Little did I know that one day I would have some
input over Boatanchor useage in a movie. We are not talking about one or
two boxes but enough gear to build a formidable radio room that would be
admired my any BA aficionado. Recently, I arranged for the rental of
vintage radios from HMCS HAIDA's collection for the production of the TV
miniseries titled HAVEN. This \$30 million production is scheduled for
airing on CBS Television in February 2001. The whole story, including
photos can be seen in my bi-weekly naval newsletter at:

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3bbw/news/000818.html>

2) On August 6, I purchased a ticket for a one day cruise aboard the SS
John Brown, a fully restored Liberty ship. She was in Toronto as part of

the Great Lakes 2000 tour. The complete story is also included in my newsletter at the above URL. My humble, handheld 2 meter rig help to add some enjoyment during that day.

3) While aboard the ship, I recorded all the details about the equipment fitted in Brown's radio room. I updated someone else's photos with my own. The results can be seen at:

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/ve3fab>

4) On Saturday Aug 19, I will attempt to flash up the Marconi CM11 transmitter aboard HMCS HAIDA as part of the International Light Ships Weekend (a photo of the CM11 can be seen in the newsletter above). Will try 70 watt MCW transmissions around 7.050 MHz or 30 watt phone transmissions on 7.290 MHz. If those modes don't pan out, will revert to CW on 7.050 MHz. Slightly chirpy signals might be heard but that's the signature tune of an old BA. I can't guarantee the propagation and noise gods will be co-operative on the weekend but I will certainly give it a try. Will be using call sign VE3CGJ or VE3RCN depending on which direction the wind is blowing on Saturday :-)

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Regards,

Jerry Proc VE3FAB jproc@idirect.com

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/ve3fab>

HMCS HAIDA Historic Naval Ship, Toronto Ontario

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com

Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 00:09:46 -0400

Subject: Re: Hamfest in Warren, OH

Message-ID: <20000818.001557.-302357.1.KE8RN@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

From: George J Misic <ke8rn@juno.com>

K3HX and I plan to be there. Hope to see many BAs and BA folks. I'm meeting Mike Bryce [he does the QRP column in 73 on 147.18 simplex; he plans to be there, too. 73.

George KE8RN

On Wed, 16 Aug 2000 20:18:35 EDT "russ dworakowski" <wb3fau@hotmail.com> writes:

> Dear BA Friends,- on Aug. 20th there will be a hamfest

> outside Warren OH. It will be at Champion OH at the

> Kent State branch College. In years past this has been a good BA
> fest.
> Cannot promise anything now except a good time if you show up, and
> we can
> share some good times.
> 73s Russ
>

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From: thompson@mindspring.com
Message-ID: <001701c00950\$ed9d0c20\$735a56d1@default>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Last hurrah for EF Johnson
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 16:14:34 -0400

EF Johnson was hit with the woes that all of the US Amateur radio manufacturers felt in the 70's that drove most of them out of business. Their attempts at transceivers either were failures or never got out of the prototype stage. Johnson had a transceiver and matching amplifier. It seems that the amplifier did make it to market thanks to Henry Radio. The Tempo 2000 using a pair of Eimac 3-400Z's was brought to market to match their Tempo One transceiver (The Henry version of the FT100/101). About 900 were sold but this was far less than the number of Tempo Ones. Price was not a factor as this fine amp sold for \$395 or in line with the SB220 which was in kit form. A number of the Tempo 2000 amps are still in service today. The only drawback is that the amps compact size did not permit use of the taller (and more popular) 3-500Z. See an ad in CQ February 1972, page 61.

EF Johnson stayed around in the CB market for a number of years before selling their tuner and keys to Nye Viking. EF Johnson was itself sold to a firm near Atlanta a few years ago (the name only I understand)...I don't see them in the phone book or in a listing of businesses so guess they are SK.

Message-ID: <389159084.966632991169.JavaMail.root@web649-wra>
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 17:09:51 -0400 (EDT)
From: Douglas Knoll <dougsterr@juno.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: FWD: RE: Last hurrah for EF Johnson
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas Knoll <dougsterr@juno.com>
To: thompson@mindspring.com
Sent: August 18, 2000 8:57:53 PM GMT
Subject: RE: Last hurrah for EF Johnson

This is not true! I worked at EF Johnson from 1990 to 1997. They are still alive, although they have not been in the amateur business or CB for decades. They were never owned by a firm in Atlanta. As a matter of fact they owned a firm in Atlanta called Americom. They were bought out by Western Union, then Diversified Energies, then two private investors who tried to take them public. When that failed, the company was split off into many pieces. The radio products division is now owned by Transcript International in Lincoln Nebraska. They are primarily involved in communications for public safety.

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Message-Id: <3.0.3.32.20000818173845.00d4e258@mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 17:38:45 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: Last hurrah for EF Johnson
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 04:14 PM 8/18/00 -0400, thompson@mindspring.com wrote:

>

Johnson was bought recently (I forget by who) but they exist as a supplier of connectors, jacks, etc.... kind of the same things that they started out making.

As I remember, when looking at their latest catalog at work, they were still in Waseca...

John

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John Brewer - WB50AU/4

AMI #24

Clayton NC

johnmb@mindspring.com

Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 15:07:07 -0700

From: Arden Allen <gumbear@pacbell.net>

Subject: Re: Last hurrah for EF Johnson

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Message-id: <0FZI00FFMDFHIB@mta6.snfc21.pbi.net>

MIME-version: 1.0

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SK.

At least part of EFJ lives on as Johnson Components. Banana plugs, etc.

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

From: "russ dworakowski" <wb3fau@hotmail.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Hamfest in Warren, OH
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 19:36:03 EDT
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed
Message-ID: <LAW2-F41Y8m2H2IH6BM000003cb7@hotmail.com>

George, listen for me and N3LQJ on 145.58 its our regular
hamfest freq. Russ

>From: George J Misic <ke8rn@juno.com>
>Reply-To: ke8rn@juno.com
>To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
>CC: boatanchors@theporch.com
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>Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 00:09:46 -0400
>
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> > share some good times.
> > 73s Russ

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Message-Id: <4.3.2.7.2.20000818184736.00bb2a00@mail.execpc.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 18:58:01 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: gpewitt <gpewitt@execpc.com>
Subject: Manual for Multimeter ME-297/U needed
Cc: Boatanchors@Listserv.Tempe.Gov, armyradios@egroups.com
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Folks, I picked up 3 Multimeters AN/USM-223 on that e place and I need a manual copy or at least some info on the batteries used. The multimeter itself is the ME-297/U and is part of the AN/USM-223 which includes all the probes and adaptors. The three batteries go in slots on the back covered by a clear plastic cover. The slots are marked +BT-1 BA42 or BA2042, -BT-2 BA1312, and the third slot is -BT-3 BA1312. The two 1312's look to be AA size while the center BA-42 is wider perhaps a C cell size. With my luck they will be some weird unobtainium odd voltage military abortion. Any help deeply appreciated. Thanks and 73 Gary
Gary Pewitt N9ZSV/AE gpewitt@execpc.com
6120 W. Calumet Rd. Apt. 204, Milwaukee, WI 53223
414 355 8147 home 414 297 4307 work
Sturgeon's Law "Ninety percent of everything is crap."

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.20000818180136.007df150@pop.igc.org>
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 18:01:36 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>
Subject: Re: A short visit to Radio TV Lab in Chicago
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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>equipment. Definitely a place to see again.

I'm glad to hear that George is still holding forth. I've attached hereto my report on a visit I made to the place several years ago.

Regards,

Dick

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Thanks to the advice of several list members I had the address of The Radio & TV Lab in my pocket during the trip to Chicago from which I have just returned. My advisors advised that the place was a "must see" and that George, the proprietor was probably worth a special visit on his own.

So there I was on Saturday last, rollicking down the Blue Line elevated on the way to see George and his shop. Stepping off a connecting bus I was greeted with a large store front of windows that had not seen a cleaning since 1958. And of course, even though I had called George a number of times, the place was closed.

But upon wiping away some of the grime and peering closely into the gloom I could see... things. Things that appeared to be the butt end of DX-100s, corners of what could only be SP-600s, Hallicrafters or RMEs. Piles of boxes. Large drifts of unsorted parts. In other words: BA heaven! Figuring that punctuality was no more a part of this establishment than organization I went across the street to have a burger and a whizz. By the time I got back I could see a light inside...and movement.

Eventually, George made it to the door and let me in. Now, this in itself was no small task. While the place is large there is only the smallest pathway through piles and piles and piles of stuff. I myself was able to penetrate no more than six feet down the path from the door, and I planned every footstep of that six feet well in advance. The danger of being crushed by an avalanche of falling BAs was a very real and present danger. Vast areas of the place were unlit and off limits.

Frankly, not being to browse through more of the place and pick out a few treasures was a bitter disappointment after coming so far. But George would have none of it and I must admit there was good sense behind his caution. So I stood there, arms straight down at my sides to avoid dislodging the a single 6SJ7 that might have brought the whole thing down, having a conversation with George at quite a high db level (he's hard of hearing). We spoke of the relative merits of .45 revolvers vs. 9mm automatics for repelling robbers. We spoke of cockroaches and the fact that George can smell 'em in incoming radios and keeps a can of Flit at the ready for just such occasions. We spoke of him coming to Chicago from Poland in 1950 and selling TVs, HiFis, stoves. Clearly this did not explain the scene before me now, surrounded by vast rows of equipment and parts, separated by what once were were asiles but now filled in with even more stuff.

Shapes of unknown (but interesting!) equipment looming in the far, dark shadows.

But eventually I became resigned to the fact that six feet was as far as I was going to get and, remembering that 9mm, I bid George goodbye and left... empty handed from the cave of treasures.

I don't know what's going to happen to George and his shop. He talks of quitting, of moving, of selling the building. He's 80 and planning on getting a pacemaker. George and his shop bear watching for the time that he may be able to open up more of it to visitors ("I gotta get this place organized!" he says.) Meanwhile, even in it's current state, it's certainly worth a visit.

Dick Dillman, W6AWO
Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
Collector of Heavy Metal:
Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

From: thompson@mindspring.com
Message-ID: <001b01c00980\$0d74dbc0\$298156d1@default>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: EF Johnson
Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2000 21:51:53 -0400

Apparently EF Johnson was split into several firms by investors and the firm in Atlanta changed the name to EF Johnson (They were in Conyers, Georgia). K8MFO and others tell me there are firms with that name in Minnesota and Tennessee. The Atlanta firm either moved or is out of business. There were two gentlemen I knew who actually worked for the Atlanta version. I remember their offers to repair the CB gear. Neither were hams and one is now SK and the other lives in Florida in retirement after working for a firm in South Carolina then at the Atlanta version.

Apparently no one had a firm lock on the name.

Dave K4JRB

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From: "Robert Nickels" <ranickel@mwci.net>
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Subject: Re: Last hurrah for EF Johnson

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> As I remember, when looking at their latest catalog at work, they
> were still in Waseca

As can be verified at <http://www.johnsoncomp.com/>

Ownership is identified on this webpage as "Emerson Electronic Connector and Components Company DBA Johnson Components"

73, Bob W9RAN

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From: "Hue Miller" <kargokult@proaxis.com>
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----- Original Message -----
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>

>> "I gotta get this place organized!" he say <<

--Translation: "I should, maybe, but it feels real warm & comfortable just the way it is, so i'll just leave it, and since i'm only going to die when i specify, there's no problem, except people who want to meddle".

Geoff Fors explained this by his theory about so-called dealers who pay rent, but put their prices so high, or make it so difficult to buy, that nothing every sells, but yet they pay rent year after year. There's a non-monetary payoff. Perhaps you have seen the same thing. When i lived in SLC a few years back, there was a surplus place of a few thousand sq. ft. with perhaps a half acre

fenced area out back. It was like a maze made out of stacks of electronics equipment, stacked 6 ft. to 8 ft. high. When i first met the proprietor, he was out back taking apart things, harvesting standard cells, a truly irrational (but probably fun) pursuit, considering the amount of money he had let slip thru his hands by storing all kinds of gear outside for umpteen years. I saw a TBW transmitter, without a stitch of paint left; a L&N precision potentiometer, sitting there with the fine wood cabinet unglued and falling away; RU/GF coils full of sand and dank water; all kinds of old BA test equipment, stacks of APN-1's, ASA radar components, etc. etc. He told me every year a visitor from Japan came & bot a bunch of tubes; maybe this justified paying the taxes on the property, i suspect the mathematics still didn't work out. On one later visit, he was sitting at a workbench inside harvesting relays from a TBX, he already had one out. I finally got a price out of him for it, based on the "value of the metals on the relays and parts". I had a hunch, so i went back out to the maze, and magnetically detected the front cover for the unit after only 1/2 hour's dowsing. Oh yes, on one visit i found the base unit for the ultra rare AS-81 HF DF unit, but absolutely no loops. I set the base unit aside, hid it amongst the stacks. On a later visit, i found one of the loop units, but i absolutely could not find the base unit again! I also saw a Navy MQ two-way thing for the 2-MHz band, but i wasn't up to the challenge of restoring it, so it most likely went back to the steel smelter eventually. Actually, with the dry, even in winter, climate in SLC, things could survive a couple or a few years outside with out total ruin; as compared to my former home in WA, where truthfully, one year outside would totally ruin any electronic thing. As for this kind of seller-storekeeper, i think Dick Tracy had an expression: "Non compos mentis" (or something like that - pardon my Latin). Hue Miller

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